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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN (REQUEST FOR
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B. TUNIS A-029

1. RECENT DISCUSSION WITH TUNISIAN POLICE OFFICIALS
REGARDING THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS FIELD
MAKE IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE SOME RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT
ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTANCE DURING FY 73 AND 74 SET
FORTH IN MESSAGES UNDER REFERENCE.

2. DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS HERE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT,
AID PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL ROGER ROBINSON DISCUSSED QUESTION
OF NARCOTICS LABORATORY FOR POLICE WITH OFFICIALS OF SURETE
NATIONALE. ROBINSON WAS IMPRESSED WITH PROGRESS POLICE HAD
MADE IN CARRYING OUT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LABORATORY
FACILITIES MADE DURING HIS 1972 VISIT TO TUNISIA AS MEMBER
OF NARCOTICS CONTROL SURVEY TEAM. OUR ACTION PLAN FOR 1973
RECOMMENDED VISIT DURING FY 73 OF U. S. ADVISOR IN THIS
FIELD TO ASSESS GOT REQUEST FOR LABORATORY. IN CONVERSATIONS
WITH US, ROBINSON STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS RECOMMENDATION.
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THEREFORE REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON THIS MATTER.

3. COMMANDER OF TUNISIAN GARDE NATIONALE RECENTLY APPROACHED USAID TRAINING OFFICER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIS PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR U. S. TRAINING IN NARCOTICS FOR GARDE NATIONALE PERSONNEL. WE HAD PROPOSED THAT SIX TUNISIAN POLICE OFFICIALS AND TWO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS BE SENT TO U. S. FOR TRAINING UNDER FY 73 PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL TRAINING PORPOSED FOR FY 74. BOTH OF THESE PROPOSALS BASED UPON SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM TUNISIAN POLICE AND CUSTOMS.

4. COMMANDER OF GARDE NATIONALE STATES THAT PROBLEM BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT, AND HE WISHES PROCEED WITH TRAINING. WE ARE UNABLE TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIFICS OF PROGRAM AT ALL WITHOUT SOME INDICATIONS FROM WASHINGTON ON FUNDS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE. THEREFORE REQUEST STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL AS WELL.

5. GARDE NATIONALE COMMANDER ALSO RAISED MATTER ONCE AGAIN OF REQUEST FOR POLICE BOATS. THIS REQUEST ALSO SET FORTH IN ACTION PLAN, ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR TDY U. S. ADVISOR DURING FY 74 TO ASSESS NEED. IN VIEW FOLLOW- UP BY GARDE NATIONALE COMMANDER, REQUEST STATUS THIS PROPOSAL ALSO.

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